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GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

AT ITS

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY

HELD AT

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

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FIRST SESSION.

CINCINNATI, OHIO,
October 25, 1883—2 o'clock P. M.

No time or place for this annual meeting having been designated at last year's Convention, under the operation of a provision in Article IX., of the Constitution, "Cincinnati" is the place, and "Thursday, at 2 P. M., after the third Lord's day in October," is the time fixed for this thirty-fourth Annual Convention; and, in pursuance thereof, a number of its officers, life directors, life members, annual members, delegates from State Missionary Societies, and from congregations of the Churches of Christ in the several States, met in the Central Christian Chapel on Ninth street, between Plum street and Central Avenue.

D. R. Dungan, of Iowa, the President elected at Lexington last October, called the Convention to order.

The hymn, commencing with the words, "How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord," was sung by the congregation, led by Alanson Wilcox, of Ohio.

A. G. Thomas, of Georgia, read from the Old Testament Scriptures, and opened the proceedings of the Convention with prayer.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

A. Wilcox moved the appointment of the usual standing committees.

The motion was agreed to, and the chair made the appointments as follows:

On Enrollment.—H. O. Breeden, of Indiana; J. W. Allen, of Illinois; A. P. Frost, of Ohio; and G. B. Woodworth, of Tennessee.

On Order of Business.—R. M. Bishop, of Ohio; T. D. Butler, of Pennsylvania; C. C. Smith, of Ohio; M. P. Hayden, of Kansas; and T. W. Pinkerton, of Illinois.

On Nominations.—W. F. Cowden, of Kentucky; A. P. Cobb, of Iowa; S. M. Jefferson, of Kentucky; A. S. Hale, of Michigan; and A. E. Myers, of West Virginia.

On Place of Next Meeting.—F. D. Power, of District of Columbia; O. G. Hertzog, of New York; A. N. Gilbert, of Kentucky; F. M. Kirkham, of Iowa; and H. B. Goe, of Pennsylvania.

BUSINESS PROGRAMME.

R. M. Bishop, from the Committee on Order of Business, submitted the following partial report, which was concurred in:

Your Committee on Order of Business make a partial report:
1. Enrollment of Delegates. 2. Report of Board of Managers. 3. Report of Treasurer. 4. Appointment of Special Committees. 5. Miscellaneous Business. 6. Adjournment, 4:15.

EVENING SESSION.

1. Meet at 7:30 for social services, a half hour, to be led by Bro. W. F. Cowden, of Kentucky. 2. At 8 o'clock the President's address.

CHRISTIAN COURTESIES.

R. Moffett, read the following telegram:

HANNIBAL, MO., Oct. 25, 1883.

To General Christian Missionary Convention, Central Christian Church:

Our unanimous prayers for your mission. See II. Peter iii. 18, and ask your assistance to be continued for our general evangelist. PRESTON TAYLOR,
Chairman Colored General Christian Missionary Convention.

On motion of A. Wilcox, it was ordered spread on the minutes, and the Corresponding Secretary authorized to make appropriate response.

The Corresponding Secretary, Robt. Moffett, read the following report:

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

DEAR BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION:

We meet to-day, in the kind providence of our Heavenly Father, to celebrate another anniversary. Since our last meeting many of our brethren have gone to that higher convention of saints, and will greet us no more in these meetings. Thousands of households have been called to mourn the loss of beloved ones whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The most of these were known and loved by the few. It becomes us to name only those whose reputation had reached the wide and national circle. Among these we name one whom you honored last year with a place on the Board of Managers. W. M. M. Lee, of Covington, Ky., passed to his rest a few days after the adjournment of our last convention. He was an earnest Christian and a faithful missionary worker. During the year we have been called to mourn the death of Mrs. Mary T. Bishop, widely known and universally beloved for her inestimable character and ever abounding labors of love. Also, H. S. Bosworth, whose name is a household word wherever our literature is read. Ever faithful and true, he died as he lived, in the Christian's hope. J. H. Hamilton, of Arkansas, widely known as a faithful minister of the word of life, and J. M. Henry, of Missouri, whose services in the ministry cover nearly half a century, beautiful in his life and hopeful in his death; these, also, have passed through the dark valley to the light of a glorious day.

And so the voices of many pleaders of Christ's cause are hushed in the dust forever. Let us pause a moment by their graves, and think of their great and noble work, and vow eternal fidelity to the cause which they so faithfully plead.

At our first meeting the vacancy occasioned by the death of Bro. Lee was filled by the election of Joseph F. Wright, of Mt. Healthy. R. M. Bishop was elected chairman, B. W. Wasson, vice chairman, and Joseph F. Wright, clerk. The organization was completed by the appointment of the following committees, viz.: On ways and means, J. F. Fisk, W. H. Lape and S. G.

Boyd; on missions and missionaries, R. T. Mathews, J. F. Wright and B. W. Wasson; on Sunday-school work, R. M. Bishop, James Leslie and Joseph Smith, Jr. During the year James Leslie resigned, and E. T. Williams was elected to fill the vacancy. The Board has held nine regular meetings during the year.

FINANCIAL.

We close the accounts of the year the 15th of the present month. Last year all the funds received up to the close of the convention were included in the published receipts and in the treasurer's report. Nor do we include in our report this year all the supplemental funds which entered into the report of last year. Besides, we have not received the percentage due from some of the States. Any comparison of the receipts of this year with those of last year must take these facts into account.

We began the year with $284.81 in the treasury. Of this sum, $10 was due the former secretary on account of duplicate credits, and $39.41 belonged to the Tract Fund, leaving in the treasury for missionary purposes, $235.40. We were in debt for postage last year, $33.20; to the Washington House Fund, $121.29 (used by mistake last year for missionary purposes), and $243.75 to P. H. Morse—an old indebtedness on account of Louisville Bible School, which should have been paid long ago. Taking these obligations into consideration, the money in the treasury was insufficient to meet them.

With nothing in our treasury available for missionary purposes, your Board deemed it proper to issue a call for the general missionary collection early in the month of December. This was in harmony with your instructions at the last convention. To this call only six churches responded, and three of these at the instance of a personal visit by the corresponding secretary.

Feeling that little money could be raised by newspaper calls and circulars, the corresponding secretary was directed to spend as much time as practicable canvassing among the churches, specially in States which had not agreed to give a percentage of regular collections to our treasury. Accordingly the secretary spent about sixty days among the churches in Indiana, Iowa and Ohio. He was everywhere received with a hearty welcome, and everywhere the brethren seemed to be heartily in sympathy with our work; especially so in Iowa, where the brethren seem to better understand the importance of sustaining missions in the rapidly growing West. M. L. Blaney was also employed to spend one month in Northern Indiana, and W. H. Boles, a few days in Western and Middle Indiana.

The result of these visits to the churches may be summed up as follows:

Cash and pledges for current year	$1,285.55
Pledges on memberships for future years	884.86
Total	$2,170.41

We believe that during the coming year the Board should continue an active canvass in States which give little or no dividend to our treasury. Illinois gives us ten per cent. and invites us to canvass the State, we giving back ten per cent. of our collections. Missouri gives us twenty-five per cent. of general funds. Ohio also gives twenty-five per cent. of general funds, and invites us to canvass in districts and among churches which do not divide funds with the State. All the other States will welcome the agents of the General Convention. Some of the States, as is the case with Kentucky, will take up one collection each year for our treasury.

It must be borne in mind that collecting by canvassing agents is expensive, and is recommended only because it seems to be a present necessity. We believe we must ultimately look to the State organizations to work up an interest in the missions of the General Convention, and gradually also to supply us funds upon some equitable dividend plan. We are compelled to draw from the stronger States the money to carry on missionary work in the weaker States and western Territories. All the States, however, should contribute something to our work; and if each of the States and Territories would set out to raise us a definite sum through their own agencies, it would save all the expense of extra agents. If we could receive from the State so-

cieties assurance that ten thousand dollars would be placed at the Board's disposal, we could lay out our work at the beginning of the year; and with ten thousand dollars could utilize another ten thousand in the fields of missionary labor. And this is not impracticable. The following schedule of apportionment is at least suggestive of a possibility:

Ohio, $1,200; Indiana, 1,200; Kentucky, 1,200; Illinois, 1,200; Missouri, 1,200; Iowa, 800; Pennsylvania, 300; New York, 300; Kansas, 300; West Virginia, 300; Virginia, 300; Maryland and District of Columbia, 200; New England, 200; North Carolina, 100; South Carolina, 100; Georgia, 100; Alabama, 100; Mississippi, 100; Arkansas, 100; Michigan, 100; Tennessee, 100; Texas, 100; Colorado, 100; California, 100; Oregon, 100; Wisconsin, 50; Minnesota, 50. Aggregate, $10,000.

These are small sums for the several States named, the raising of which would probably be a stimulus to the State work. If each of the several State conventions would determine to raise its apportionment for the general work, there would be no necessity for our Board to send out canvassing agents. The corresponding secretary could then spend his time in visiting such States as might need his aid in raising money, but chiefly in looking after the wants of the missionary fields. We submit this subject to the thoughtful consideration of this convention.

We present the following summary of receipts and disbursements, viz.:

In the treasury at beginning of year for missionary purposes	$ 284.81
Collections from individuals	2,133.00
Collections from churches	1,005.11
Collections from Sunday-schools	57.45
Collections from county and district meetings	91.74
Collections from State societies	539.18
Collections from ladies' societies	20.00
Collections from interest on invested funds	30.44
Collections by missionaries in their fields of labor	1,882.53
Total	$6,044.26

We have disbursed as follows:

For services and expenses of F. M. Green, Sec'y	103.00	
For services and expenses of missionaries	3,495.23	
For salary and services of R. Moffett, Cor. Sec'y	911.50	
For printing, postage, travel and agencies, etc	662.33	
For debts	275.95	
To F. C. M. Society	100.15	
Transferred to Washington House Fund	121.29—	5,669.45
Balance in treasury		374.81
Total		$6,044.26

We submit the Washington House Fund account as follows:

Balance in treasury at last report	$ 8,505.51
Transferred from the Missionary Fund	121 29
Collected during the year	3.571.31
Collections sent by donors to Washington	7,651.57
Total	$19,849.68
Disbursed to Treasurer Washington church	$17,448.82
Sent by donors to Washington	7,651.57
Total	$25,100.39
Treasury overdrawn	$5,250.71

Our total receipts for the year for missionary purposes and for Washington House are $16,982.33

The house in Washington is rapidly approaching completion, and will be dedicated in December. The house and furniture when completed will cost $42,993. The lot is estimated at $17,200, making the property worth $60,193.

Of this sum the church in Washington has given, including the lot, about $24,000. When all the available pledges which have been made shall have been collected, there will still remain a deficit of $4,200, for which provision must be made. May we not hope, now that this comparatively local and unusual work is so nearly off our hands, opportunity will be offered for larger contributions for missionary work—the more legitimate work of the Society.

We submit the treasurer's report, corresponding with these financial statements. Comparing the report with that of last year and making allowance for the omissions already referred to, our cash receipts are in excess of those of one year ago. The supplemental sums of last year were about $3,600. Our supplemental amounts aggregate little more than half this sum. Last year the collections made by State boards, assisted by us, were included in the annual receipts. This year we leave out all these, and include only such sums as the missionaries collected on their several fields for their own remuneration. We have thought it best to draw the line here. Were we to add all these, the aggregate would very considerably exceed the report of last year.

Classifying these receipts by States, we find as follows: Ohio, $1,114.83; Iowa, 652.91; Indiana, 481.21; Kentucky, 304.37; Illinois, 147.75; Pennsylvania, 137.45; Michigan, 78 00; Missouri, 61.00; Wisconsin, 36.07; Minnesota, 65.00; Kansas, 40.20; California, 20.00; Nebraska, 20.00; Virginia, 24.10; West Virginia, 29.65; Texas, 10.75; District of Columbia, 10 00; Colorado, 10.00; South Carolina, 18.08; Tennessee, 20.00; New York, 24.50; Vermont, 5.61; Arkansas, 10.00; Maryland, 10.00; Idaho, 5.00; Jamaica, 10.00; Massachusetts, 1.00; interest, 30.44; a friend, 500.00—aggregating 3 876.92.

It is only justice to say that Missouri will pay, very soon, about $800, and Illinois about 125, from percentage. Classifying funds raised at mission points, to remunerate our missionaries, we find as follows: Topeka, $444.85; Atchison, 457.88; churches in Nebraska, 362.20; churches in Wisconsin, 241.65; churches in Colorado, 59.00; churches in Alabama, 85.50; collections by Preston Taylor, chiefly in Baltimore and Memphis, 131.45—aggregating 1,882.53.

It will be seen that Ohio leads off with the largest sum, but, considering the membership, Iowa has done more than any other State. Comparatively few churches, as such, have made contributions to our treasury, the number being less than one hundred; and seventy-five of these were visited by soliciting agents.

EXTENSION FUND.

Many calls have come to us for aid to build houses of worship. To all these we have given but one answer, viz., that we can not use regular missionary funds to build houses of worship. Wichita, Lawrence, Topeka and Atchison, Kansas; Richland Center, Wis.; Pueblo, Col.; Jackson, Miss.; Chattanooga, Tenn., are prominent among the many places where efforts are being made, or soon to be made, to build or buy church edifices, and where foreign aid will be necessary. Indeed, in many important places, the want of a suitable place of worship is the chief hindrance to success.

In view of this fact, your Board have thought it advisable to begin the creation of a fund to be known as the Church Extension Fund, the principal of which shall be loaned upon easy terms to such weak churches and mission stations as may stand in need of such aid. A note has been prepared for general circulation, payable when $5,000 shall have been subscribed, and should be circulated for signatures during the ensuing year.

OUR MISSIONS.

Your Board has continued the missionary work at Topeka and Atchison, Kan., and the support of general evangelists in Nebraska, Wisconsin, Louisiana and Alabama. The outlook at Selma, Ala., did not justify us in renewing our aid there.

Topeka is the capital of Kansas, with a population of 20,000, and rapidly growing. The church there has more than held its own. They meet in a hall, but have begun to agitate the question of building or purchasing a church edifice. S. T. Dodd continued his labors there until the 1st of May, when the failing health of his wife compelled his resignation. Bro. W. H.

Boles, of Indiana, was employed to fill the vacancy, and entered upon his labors about the middle of August, and is giving the fullest satisfaction. The church numbers about one hundred. They have a flourishing Sunday-school. The outlook for this mission is excellent, and rapidly approaching a self-sustaining condition.

Atchison is one of the most thriving and rapidly growing of the cities of Kansas. The church here also meets in a hall, but has already taken steps to secure a house of worship. Bro. M. P. Hayden continued his services here until April, when he resigned to accept the work of State evangelist. W. S. Priest, of Illinois, was immediately employed to fill the vacancy, and has been laboring with general acceptance and approval. The church numbers about sixty-five. None of the membership are wealthy. Increased aid should be given them during the ensuing year.

Bro. R. C. Barrow has continued his services as State evangelist in Nebraska. His labors have been abundant and abundantly blessed, as the following extracts from his report will show. He says:

"I have spent the entire year in the field, sustained, as in former years, by the General Convention and the Nebraska Christian Missionary Society. I have labored more or less in twenty-five different places. At fifteen of these, I held protracted meetings, and at six points new organizations were formed. I have preached during the year 339 times and gained 229 additions, 83 by confession and baptism. I have collected $462.10 in the field, and have received from the Nebraska Society $168.95.

"The Nebraska Society has employed six other evangelists, more or less of their time, aggregating, for all, 368 days. Their united labors resulted in 65 baptisms and 102 other additions. They collected $355.47, and organized two new churches. There are now in Nebraska 116 churches, with a membership of 6,300. Fourteen churches have preaching weekly, nineteen semi-monthly, twenty-eight monthly, and forty-seven have no regular preaching. Only forty of these churches have houses of worship. There are now fifty-seven preachers living in the State. Of these, twenty-eight devote their whole time to preaching, and twenty-seven devote a portion of their time to secular pursuits. The churches raised for preaching and regular church work nearly $19,000, and raised for building and repairs about $14,000."

It gives us pleasure to note these signs of prosperity in a State where we have for so many years aided in the support of the State evangelist.

Bro. G. L. Brokaw has been continued as missionary in the State of Wisconsin. We regret to say that at the close of the year he resigned his position. His place will be hard to fill. He reports his abundant labors briefly as follows:

"I spent all my time in the State work the first six months of the year, and part of the time the remainder of the year. I preached at eighteen different places, one hundred and seventy sermons, baptized twenty-two, and added forty-one to the churches. I visited three new points. At Chilton I baptized and gathered together a little band of disciples. If they can keep up an organization they have a chance to secure an excellent house of worship. At Neenah we have started a good work among the Danes. We have completed three houses of worship at a cost of $5,100, which enterprises were begun by the State evangelist. We have another under way which will be finished the coming year. I have assisted in settling some church difficulties, and set in order things wanting in the churches. We closed the year with $100 in the treasury, and more pledges than we ever had before."

From his statistical report we learn that there are only twenty churches in Wisconsin, aggregating a membership of 1,100.

There are thirteen preachers in the State, only seven of whom give all their time to the ministry. They have sixteen houses of worship, and raised during the year for regular preaching $4,075, and for State evangelist, $500. During the year they raised for building and repairs nearly $6,000.

Wisconsin is a very large field for so feeble a force. The General Board should continue its aid in support of a State evangelist.

We have no report from Bro. Pritchett, of Louisiana. T. G. Gafford has been laboring as last year in Southern Alabama, among a few weak and widely scattered churches. His reports indicate a gradual growth in moral

and material strength. His labors have resulted in about seventy-five additions to the several churches.

NEW MISSIONS.

Your Board has added new missions as follows:

Dakota.—J. A. Seaton, of La Harpe, Ill., began his services as missionary at Watertown, Dak., the first of the present month. Watertown is a thriving town in Southeastern Dakota, having a population of about two thousand inhabitants. This is our first missionary in a territory where twenty-five thousand homesteads have been taken up during the past year.

Colorado.—The Board has also contributed to the support of the missionary work in Colorado, coöperating with the State organization. The Colorado Missionary Society was organized in March. The Board employed Bro. J. T. Snarrard. He has labored three months, and reports two new organizations—one at Salida and one at Lake City. He has secured in cash and pledges for regular preaching and church expenses at three places, $1,961. He has located a preacher at Salida, and will himself preach half-time each at Gunnison and Lake City until he can find a substitute to take his place. He reports the prospects decidedly encouraging in Colorado. The board of the Colorado Society contemplates putting another evangelist in the field.

South Carolina.—The Board has also coöperated with the South Carolina Missionary Society in the support of R. B. Roberts as State evangelist. Bro. Roberts' report has not come to hand. The corresponding secretary reports that there are only ten churches in the State, aggregating a membership of 380. There is but one preacher in the State who gives all his time to the ministry. There are nine others (some of whom are poorly qualified to preach), who devote most of their time to secular employment. Two churches have preaching monthly, and eight have no regular preaching. These churches raise $306 for their State evangelist.

Arkansas.—We have also coöperated with the Arkansas Christian Missionary Society in the support of their State evangelists. The State Society was organized in January. The sudden death of Bro. Hamilton, the efficient corresponding secretary, has delayed their report.

Oregon.—We have also coöperated with the Oregon Christian Missionary Society in support of work in that State. The State Board selected Albany as a promising place to sustain a mission. Bro. H. T. Morrison was sent there. Unfortunately he was taken sick soon after his arrival, and abandoned the field, partly because he thought the climate did not agree with him, and partly because he thought the outlook was not so promising as he was led to believe. This has caused a halt for the present. However, we believe that Oregon is a field that deserves the thoughtful consideration of this Convention.

COLORED MISSIONS.

Your Board has also coöperated with the General Board of our colored brethren in the support of Preston Taylor as general missionary among the colored people of the United States for six months.

He reports his labors as follows:

"By invitation of Bro. H. D. Clark, of Baltimore, Md., I went to that city last January and labored one month. Thirty-one intelligent and devoted men and women came out from the Baptist Church and united with our brethren, and during the meeting thirteen were added to the church. They at once pledged six hundred dollars to support a minister. I secured for them Bro. D. R. Wilkins, of Kentucky, who has added great strength to the congregation. The white brethren gave them the use of a handsome brick church, well furnished. Our cause is now well established in that great city of four hundred thousand people. We also organized a Sunday-school and a Woman's Board of Missions.

"Through the solicitation of Mrs. Clara Schell, I stopped over in Washington City, and visited her mission Sunday-school. The white brethren were actively engaged in teaching an average of one hundred colored people. If they could be aided in securing a good house, there would be no trouble in building up a good congregation there.

"We stopped over in Cincinnati and preached for the Harrison Street Church several days. I found them without a preacher and secured three hundred dollars in pledges for a minister, and sent Bro. Joseph L. Lipscomb, who has proved a blessing to them.

"I was then invited to Lockland, Ohio, and found the congregation in a desolate condition, and set things in order, and had their promise to raise three hundred dollars to support a minister. Bro. J. W. Dorsey, of Kentucky, is now located with them, and the work is proving satisfactory. On our way South we stopped over in Lexington. Bro. H. M. Ayres had worked up a large meeting, and on Lord's day, Feb. 4, a number of the ministers from the adjoining towns and a few of the brethren were present. We raised about $100 for church work.

"In Louisville the two congregations have been considerably divided. We spent a week with them and effected a union. I spent one Sunday with the Paducah church. I went then to Memphis, Tenn. I found the little band of disciples disorganized and without any hopes of future work; but after three months of hard work among them, visiting from house to house, and preaching to them daily, the Lord built them up and added to their number. I reorganized with thirty-two souls, and among them are men and women of great influence and some wealth. New officers were selected and ordained. A Sunday-school and a Christian Woman's Board of Missions were organized, and every one put to work. We then found ourselves without a comfortable place to worship in. But the Presbyterians had for sale, at $2,500, a church edifice on Vance street. The lot is 70x90, with a gothic frame house on it, 38x63, all in good repair. We at once determined to buy it. The colored brethren raised $500; Bro. S. C. Toof gave $500; Bro. Tom Gale, $250; T. J. Latham, $250; Dr. Porter, $100; Postmaster Smith, $20, and the General Board contributed to the mission $200, making in all $1,820, and we at once remodeled and repaired it, and on the fifth Sunday in August we dedicated the house. Bro. Alex. Campbell, late of Xenia, O., has been placed in charge of them, and the work is moving on grandly.

"I delivered the dedicatorial sermon at the Lawrenceburg church, and raised $80 on the church debt, and eleven were added to the congregation.

"At Richmond I dedicated the new church, and $115 was raised to liquidate the debt on the house.

"For the past three weeks I have been engaged in canvassing for money and subscriptions for the establishing of a Bible college in Mt. Sterling for the education of young men for the ministry. $1,000 has been secured to date for that work, and some fifteen or twenty students are expected to enter this school the first Monday in November.

SUMMARY.

" Number of days in the field	180
" Public meetings held	138
" Religious visits	833
" Baptisms	25
" Other additions (principally from denominations)	32
" Preachers located	6
" Officers ordained	7
" Officers' meetings organized	5
" Sunday-schools organized	3
" Christian Women's Boards of Missions organized	4
" Churches organized	1
" Churches assisted	8
" Meetings held with officers	21
" Hours spent with the officers	23
" Money pledged for pastors	$1,600
" Money raised for churches	2,200
" Subscriptions and cash for college	1,000
" Total	$4,800
" Collected for my remuneration	$131.41
" Traveling expenses	135.60

GERMAN MISSION.

Your Board has also given some aid to the "Ladies' German Home Mission Society," of this city. This society was organized last October, to send the gospel to the Germans of Cincinnati and vicinity. H. H. J. F. Müller has been employed during the year under the auspices of this society. A part of the year he has been laboring in the city, in a rented hall and in street meetings. During the last of the year he has labored at Camp Washington, where he has organized a Sunday-school, and preaches on Sunday evenings. The society has gathered from memberships and other sources, including $50 donated by our Board, $474.55. Your Board has deemed it best that this mission should be sustained chiefly by this Ladies' Society, and by the Ohio State organization.

We have had in contemplation additional work, as follows: General evangelists for Dakota, Idaho and Washington Territories, and the States of Mississippi, Florida and North Carolina; and in support of missionaries in Chattanooga, Tenn., Boston, Mass., Redwood Falls or St. Paul, Minn., Lawrence and Wichita, Kansas. These embrace only a small part of the country from which the most earnest appeals have come to our Board.

Our present missionary force draws upon our treasury for about $6,500. To do what we have had under contemplation will require an additional outlay of at least $5,000. We blush to confess that we believe it can be raised only by the most energetic efforts. How long will we have to wait for that culture in missionary development which will make it easy to raise twenty thousand dollars for a missionary work second to none in importance? The reviving South, the appealing East, and especially the rapidly growing West, present fields already ripe for the sickle. The Macedonian cry comes to us from every part of these inviting fields. The greatest opportunity of our history is here, and what are we doing to improve it? Now is the time to lay the foundation for our future power in all the States and Territories west of the Mississippi River and south of the thirty-fifth parallel. It is only in the ratio that we make and sustain strong churches in America that even our foreign missions can be sustained.

The great difficulty with us has been to create and sustain a general interest in missions. Only by constant and persistent education will we reach a respectable standing among the missionary forces of the 19th century. We believe the missionary spirit is growing. To the preachers more than to any other class must we look for that action which will lead our Israel into the missionary battle, and through it to missionary victory.

THE WORK IN THE STATES.

Your corresponding secretary attended the State meetings of Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas and Missouri. He found in all these conventions many signs of growing zeal for missions. Indeed, there was abundant evidence that our people have passed the day of theorizing, and entered upon a day of united activity. There is a disposition to utilize the present missionary force, and wait patiently for the leavening of the lump. He found a good deal of dissimilarity in methods, comparing one State with another; but all are bending toward the two great commands of the commission, viz.: To make disciples of Christ, and to teach them to observe all His precepts.

We present a summary of labor and results from the States which have reported to us.

[NOTE.—Those marked * are partly estimated. Those marked † are wholly estimated. The last column embraces money raised for building meeting-houses, employing pastors, and for district and county missions not included in reports of State treasurers. The days of service should have been augmented somewhat. The "estimates," I think, will be found to be low.—R. M.]

STATES.	Days of service.....	Accessions.....	Churches visited & assisted	Churches organized.....	Money collected by missionaries—as reported by treasurers ...	Money raised and secured by missionaries & agents, not given in treas'rs r'pts
Arkansas*	365	150	30	...	$ 300 00	$ 1,600.80
California*	268	195	9	...	1,000.00	4,350.00
Colorado	90	57	3	2	300.00	1,961.00
Georgia*	730	150	25	...	1,200.00	1,500.00
Illinois	414	107	16	1	3,556.01	1,200.00
Indiana*	365	25	25	...	1,000.00	2,500.00
Iowa*	760	325	50	...	2,500.00	5,500.00
Kansas	883	198	20	7	1,651.57	.....
Kentucky	2430	1093	192	...	13,082.42	1,500.00
Maryland	365	120	5	1	297.86	1,000.00
Missouri	2274	893	10	3	3,500.00	19,256.50
Minnesota†	270	65	20	2	1,000.00	620.00
Michigan	365	55	44	...	1,475.10	1,000.00
Nebraska	737	376	38	8	1,320.22	2,500.00
Ohio	2003	109	77	1	11,709.05	1.800,00
Oregon	200	50	10	...	500.00	.....
Pennsylvania*	25	.....	...	...	557.27	.....
S. Carolina	365	.....	10	...	207.11	.....
Texas†	365	75	25	...	2,000.00	2,500.00
Virginia†	365	45	30	...	1,500.00	1,500.00
W. Virginia	125	62	12	...	240.57	200.00
Wisconsin*	260	63	16	1	600.00	2,500.00
Tolal	13,639	4,087	654	23	$49,199.32	$52,367.50

We believe that each State organization should, in some way, be regarded as a part of the General Christian Missionary Convention; and that each year reports from all the States should be received and incorporated into the annual report of this Board. Likewise, before the time of each State meeting, the corresponding secretary of this Convention should report to the secretary or treasurer of the State, the amounts which have been received by him directly from churches and individuals. This is not impracticable. Let each State convention direct its secretary or other officer to do this as a part of his duty, and let it be made a part of the duty of our corresponding secretary to report the funds collected in each State to the treasurer of the State organization, and the work is done. In this way we may be able to make report of our home work in figures that will not misrepresent us before the brotherhood and the world.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

We recommend constitutional changes as follows:

1. To modify the constitution so that there will be but one Board. Our constitution provides for a "General Board," made up of life directors, corresponding seretaries of States and presidents of State Boards. This Board is required to meet once a year and to do all the business which is done by another Board called the "Acting Board." We find it impracticable for this "General Board" to hold the meeting and do the duties specified in the constitution.
2. To make the officers, especially the corresponding secretary, members of the Board now called the Acting Board.
3. To elect three of the Board each year, to hold their offices for three years.
4. To put it in the power of the Board to change the place of annual meeting in case of necessity.

We ask that these proposed changes be submitted to a committee, and that they be adopted if the committee shall so recommend.

TRACT FUND.

At the last Convention a collection was taken up amounting to $39.41, as the beginning of a tract fund. This amount has been held by your Board, subject to the direction of the committee on tracts appointed last year, consisting of A. McLean, S. M. Jefferson and R. T. Mathews. To this fund has been added a small sum, making the amount in the treasury for tract purposes $46.41. The committee will make further report to the Convention concerning this fund, and their proceedings during the year.

ASSETS.

We have now, in memberships and directorships, pledges that will aggregate abont $1,800 annually for a few years. We may expect from churches which take an interest in our work about $1,200 the coming year. To this we may add about $1,200 percentage from a few States, and the trustees of the Hymn-book will pay us $300—making in all about $4,500 for the ensuing year which we may count on with some degree of certainty. We have some notes which will fall due at the death of the subscribers, amounting to about $12,000. We have also a few wills and an invested fund of $508.

We believe that more attention should be given to securing bequests for our Society. Looking over the receipts of other religious bodies, we find that thousands of dollars come to the old and well established societies from bequests.

The invested fund above referred to was left to our Convention by a young man who desired that some of his small estate should preach the gospel long after he had entered into rest. His will directed that the interest for the first few years should be expended in preaching the gospel in Neosho county, Kan. The money has been sacredly spent as he directed. The result is the church at Sunnyside, consisting now of ninety-three members, and a good substantial house of worship, dedicated last month. And so this bequest, small as it was, was not in vain. There are hundreds of brethren among us who could bequeath thousands to this, the grandest and best of works.

With this report, our work as a Board closes. We are thankful for the many words of encouragement which have come to us from all parts of the country. We regret that we have been unable to do more. We have labored in weakness, but it has also been with faithfulness. We recommit and recommend the work to your fostering care. May the Lord give us all wisdom to devise for him liberal things, and lead us to bring all our tithes into the storehouse, that he may open the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing that there shall not be room to receive it.

In behalf of the Board,

R. MOFFETT, Cor. Sec'y.

G. T. Carpenter, of Iowa, moved the reference of the report to appropriate committees.

The motion was agreed to, and subsequently the President made these committees, as follows:

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

1. *Extension Fund.*—D. R. VanBuskirk, of Illinois; F. M. Drake, of Iowa, John N. Dalby, of Missouri; A. I. Hobbs, of Kentucky; Timothy Coop, of England.

2. *Increase of Funds.*—George Darsie, of Kentucky; W. P. Aylsworth, of Ohio; R. T. Mathews, of Ohio; W. L. Hayden, of Pennsylvania; J. T. Toof, of Illinois.

3. *The Relation of the State Work to the General Work.*—Thos. Munnell, of Kentucky; John A. Brocks, of Missouri; L. R. Gault, of Ohio; L. Lane, of Minnesota; B. H. Hayden, of New York.

4. *Recommendations as to Mission Fields.*—J. H. Garrison, of Missouri; A. M. Atkinson, of Indiana; N. S. Haynes, of Illinois; John Shackleford, of Kentucky; Nathan W. Smith, of Georgia.

5. *Washington House Enterprise.*—T. D. Garvin, of Ohio; W. W. Dungan, of District of Columbia; Joseph Smith, Jr., of Ohio; Geo. E. Walk, of Kentucky; J. Z. Tyler, of Georgia.

6. *Obituaries.*—Robert Graham, of Kentucky; J. H. Hardin, of Missouri; J. H. Lockwood, of Ohio; R. L. Lotz, of Kansas; B. U. Watkins, of Missouri.

7. *Constitutional Changes.*—W. K. Pendleton, of West Virginia; F. M. Green, of Ohio; J. B. Briney, of Kentucky; A. G. Thomas, of Georgia; G. T. Carpenter, of Iowa.

The Corresponding Secretary read the report of the Treasurer, and it was concurred in.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JOSEPH SMITH, JR., TREAS., in Acc't with General Christian Missionary Convention:

MISSIONARY FUND.

		Dr.	
Oct. 20, 1882.	By balance in treasury, Missionary Fund..	$ 245.40	
	" " " " " ..	39.41—	$ 284.81
By collections during the year for F. C. M. S.....		100.15	
" " " " " Tract Fund.....		7.00—	107.15
" " " " " General Board.....		5,652.30—	5,652.30
Total.....			$6,044.26

		Cr.	
To paid during the year as follows:			
Order No. 3.	F. M. Green, services and expenses.....	103.00	
" 12.	Standard Pub., Co., for printing and mailing Minutes.....	130.60	
" 13.	H. S. Bosworth, for wrapping, mailing and postage, '81.....	33.20—	266.80
" 29, 44, 61 and part of 11.	R. Moffett, Cor. Sec., travel and incidental expenses.....	312.34	
" 23.	L. H. Day, attorney fees.....	50.00	
" 24, 34, 35.	Agents Blaney, Hemry and Boles..	101.39—	463.73
" 14, 16, 63.	P. H. Morse, debt on acc't of Louisville Bible School.....	243.75	
" 30.	J. Hobbs, special contribution S. C. I.....	10.00—	253.75
" 25, 36, 60.	A. McLean, Cor. Sec. F. C. M. S....	100.15—	100.15
" 42, 43.	J. D. Erwin, Cor. Sec., S. C. Miss. Soc.	50.00	
" 64.	J. Kellogg, Treas. Ark. C. M. Soc.....	40.00	
" 54.	R. S. Groves, services at Chattanooga, Tenn.....	20.00	
" 52.	H. T. Morrison, Missionary at Albany, Ore.....	25.00	
" 33.	Miss Mary B. Dickinson, Treas. of Ladies' German Home Miss. Soc.....	$ 50.00	
" 27.	J. W. Randall, Evangelist in Neosho, Co., Kan.....	30.44	
" 26.	J. W. Anderson, special con. for Orange, Cal.....	27.00	
" 22, 37, 50.	Preston Taylor, Miss. for Colored People.....	381.45	
" 9, 17, 38, 59.	R. C. Barrow, Evangelist in Nebraska.....	731.11	
" 56.	W. H. Boles, Missionary at Topeka, Kan.	152.50	
" 7, 20, 55.	S. T. Dodd, Missionary, Topeka, Kan	462.35	
" 8, 21, 40, 49.	T. J. Gafford, Miss. in South Alabama.....	185.50	
" 10, 18, 39, 58.	G. L. Brokaw, Evangelist in Wisconsin.....	388.00	
" 6, 19.	M. P. Hayden, Missionary at Atchison, Kan.....	346.88	
" 41, 57.	W. S. Priest, Missionary at Atchison, Kan.....	261.00	
" 50.	J. N. Hill, Treas. Col. Ch. Miss. Soc.....	184.00—	3,335.23
" 4, 5, 28, 43, 62, and part of 11.	R. Moffett, Cor. Sec., salary and services.....	911.50	
" 32.	Tom Gale, for Memphis Col. Mission.....	200.00	
Transferred to Washington House Fund.....		121.29	
To paid English exchange and discount.....		17.00—	1,249.79
Balance in Treasury.....			374.81
			$6,044.26

WASHINGTON HOUSE FUND.

	Dr.	
By balance on hand, Oct. 20, 1882	8,505.51	
By collections during the year	3,692.60	
Sent by donors direct to Washington	7,651.57	— 19,849.68
Treasury overdrawn		5,250.71
		$25,100.39
	Cr.	
To paid orders Nos. 1, 2, 15, 31, 45, 46, 47, 48, to J. F. Saum, Treas. Washington Church Fund		17,448.82
Sent by donors to Washington		7,651.57
Total credits		$25,100.39

SUMMARY.

Aggregate balance on hand at beginning of year	8,790.32	
" collections during year	16,982.33	— 25,772.65
Washington Fund overdrawn		5,250.71
		$31,023.36
Aggregate disbursements		30,648.55
Balance in Miss. Treasury		374.81
		$31,023.36

JOSEPH SMITH, JR., Treasurer G. C. M. C.

Having examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer G. C. M. C., I certify that it is correct. W. S. DICKINSON, Auditor.

PERMANENT ENCAMPMENT GROUNDS.

J. B. Briney, of Kentucky, from the Committee thereon, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

Your Committee appointed one year ago to consider the desirability of securing an encampment as a permanent place for this Convention to meet from year to year, beg leave to report that we have had the matter under consideration, and are of the opinion that such an arrangement is inexpedient, and would be detrimental to the interests of our work at present.

J. B. BRINEY, B. W. JOHNSON,
R. MOFFETT, J. B. VAWTER.
T. P. HALEY, Committee.

THE PROPOSED TRACT FUND.

R. T. Mathews, from the Committee appointed last year, presented the following, which was concurred in:

After much consultation with men of wisdom and experience, the Committee decided that its most important work is to secure a permanent fund. The cheap publication of tracts by the different publishing houses has made any move in that line unnecessary. We have, however, had one 4-page tract written and published, viz., "Your Need of Salvation"—written by Thos. Munnell; and we have permission from *Leslie's Sunday Magazine* to republish in tract form the article by J. S. Lamar, on The Christian Church; or, Who the Disciples Are. We have on hand $146.41 — $39.41 collection at last Convention, $100 donated by Standard Publishing Company, and $7 received since last Convention from other sources. We are indebted to Standard Publishing Company for donation of 1,000 tracts of "Our Position." The distribution is left to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Convention.

Respectfully submitted, S. M. JEFFERSON, R. T. MATHEWS,
A. MCLEAN, Committee.

A CHURCH YEAR-BOOK.

D. R. VanBuskirk, of Illinois, laid before the Convention a petition, to-wit:

MEMORIAL TO THE G. C. M. C. ASSEMBLED IN CINCINNATI, O., OCT. 25 AND 26, '83.

Dear Brethren:—The Illinois Christian Missionary Convention, held in Springfield, Oct. 3d and 4th, believing that a year-book will be of great advantage to us as a people, and especially to all our mission work; and, furthermore, believing that such a year-book should originate in the General Convention, appointed the undersigned Committee to present this memorial and pray you to take such steps to provide a year-book as you may deem best. All of which we respectfully submit.

D. R. VAN BUSKIRK, J. H. GARRISON,
L. W. WELSH, A. M. HAGGARD,
N. S. HAYNES, Committee.

J. H. Garrison, of Missouri, presented a similar paper, to-wit:

The undersigned having been appointed a committee by the Missouri State Convention, to memorialize this Convention on the subject of a year-book, beg leave to point out that a condensed and orderly statement of the number and location of our churches and ministers with their membership, and of the number of children in Sunday-school; our colleges and other schools, with number of students, worth of buildings, endowment, etc.; the number and the names and addresses of our home and foreign missionaries, and the amounts contributed annually for home and foreign missions; a list of our various periodicals with their circulation, price, etc., would be of great service to our own people, and aid us in giving desired information to others.

J. H. GARRISON, J. A. LORD.
G. A. HOFFMAN, Committee.

On motion of D. R. VanBuskirk, both of the petitions were referred to a special committee of five.

THE CARE OF AGED MINISTERS.

On motion of A. I. Hobbs, of Kentucky, the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of five on superannuated preachers, with J. F. Fisk, of Kentucky, Chairman.

The Convention then took a recess until 7:30 o'clock, after a benediction pronounced by F. M. Green, of Ohio.

SECOND SESSION.

7:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.—A half hour was occupied in social worship, led by W. F. Cowden, of Kentucky, in which the following named brethren took part: W. L. Hayden, of Pennsylvania, and John Shackleford, of Kentucky, in prayer; and J. M. Trible, of New York, and John Shackleford, of Kentucky, in exhortation—Alanson Wilcox leading the singing.

Love H. Jameson, of Indiana, sang a solo—"When the mists are cleared away."

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following committees:

On a Year-Book.—J. H. Garrison, of Missouri; D. R. VanBuskirk, of Illinois; Jabez Hall, of Ohio; Russell Errett, of Ohio; and Harrison Turner, of Kentucky.

On Superannuated Preachers.—J. F. Fisk, of Kentucky; A. I. Hobbs, of Kentucky; Love H. Jameson, of Indiana; L. Harvuot, of Iowa; and R. C. Cave, of Virginia.

President Dungan delivered his annual address, on "Our Present Duty."

After a song, upon appeals by President Dungan, J. H. Garrison and Robert Moffett, the following Life Directors, Life Members and Annual Members were added to the rolls:

LIFE DIRECTORS.

S. G. Boyd, Covington, Ky.; A. M. Atkinson, Wabash, Ind; H. S. Earl, Southampton, England.; F. M. Kirkham, Marshalltown, Iowa; Washington Ch., Washington, D. C.; A. B. Fenton, Chicago, Ill.; C. H. Gould, Cincinnati; W. P. Houston, California, Ky.; Mrs. S. A. Bromwell, Cincinnati (changed from L. M. to L. D.); B. W. Wasson, Cincinnati; Dover, Ky., by James Boyd; Mrs. M. B. D. Coop, Southport, Eng.; 4th St. ch., Covington, Ky., (changed from L. M. to L. D.); Frankfort Ky. ch., by George Darsie; Denver ch., Col., by J. N. Hill; Loogootee S. S., Ind.; A. S. Hale, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mattoon ch., Ill., by E. L. Frazier; Chas. A. Stevens, Eldora, Iowa; New York Christian Missionary Society; Richmond St. S. S., Cincinnati; W. O. Foley, Cincinnati; Miss M. K. Riddell, Cincinnati; C. P. Williamson (changed from L. M. to L. D.); George B. Farrington, Brooklyn (one of the ten directorships for Boston Mission); Mrs. E. J. Toof, New Haven, Conn.; L. W. Welsh, Jacksonville, Ill.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. A. E. Clayton, Hannibal, Mo.; Jacksonville S. S. (L. W. Welsh), Ill.; R. L. Lotz, Emporia, Kan.; Mt. Hebron, Ala., by B. W. Vanhook; Mrs. W. R. Cook, Cincinnati; J. E. Ash, Carthage, O.; Miss Rose Goe, Pittsburg; Walter E. Burns, 717 Olive St., St. Louis; 3d Church, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. T. L. Fox, Quincy, Ill.; Mrs. J. T. Toof, Quincy, Ill; Chaplin, Ky.; Nelsonville, O., S. S.; T. Humphrey, Hillsboro, Oregon; Aaron Wood, Worcester, Mass.; J. T. Toof, Quincy, Ill.; C. B. Edgar, Rushville, Ind.; W. J. Loos, Nashville, Tenn.; Church at Columbus, Ind., by Z. T. Sweeney; S. Metzler, Bucyrus, O.; Mrs. O. C. Atwater, Randolph, O.; Mrs. J. F. Fisk, Covington, Ky.; J. W. Jenkins, Chester X Roads, O.; 4th St., Covington, S. S., by C. P. Calvert; James Stairs, Tietzville, Ky.; Wm. J. Wheeler, Indianapolis; R. C. Cave, Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Josephine B. Gould, Cincinnati; Miss Sallie H. Gould, Cincinnati; Miss Mollie J. Gould, Cincinnati; Mrs. R. E. Loos, Lexington, Ky., Mrs. H. B. Goe, Pittsburg, Pa.; T. B. Knowles, Toledo, O.; W. A. Davidson, Cincinnati; J. H. Beasley, New Carlisle, Ky.; Mrs. L. W. Welsh, Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. C. H. Yancey, Hannibal, Mo.; Central S. S., Cincinnati; Chattanooga S. S., Tenn.; J. G. Waggoner, Greencastle, Ind.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

M. T. Hough, Flora, Ill.; D. M. Hawkins, Cincinnati; Mrs. Emma Barker, Cincinnati; Mrs. Lucella Maddox, Mt. Bird, Ky.; Miss Aurelia Maddox, Mt. Bird, Ky.; Joseph Smith, Jr., Cincinnati (the foregoing for Boston Mission); Mrs. J. M. Land, Harrison, O.; W. C. Kenner, Flora, Ill.; Jehiel Vance, McArthur, O.; B. W. Couchman, Winchester, Ky.; J. J. Carson, Richmond, Ky.; George Peak, Grayville, Ill; Mrs. Belle Kimmel, Somerset, Pa.; Challen Fillmore, Cincinnati; Mrs. Frank Shepard, Nelsonville; Mrs. J. G. Allen, Sedalia, Mo.; S. S., St. Paul, Minn., by L. Lane; E. W. Lape, New-

port, Ky.; Mrs. T. B. Knowles, Toledo, O.; Carrie Knox, Dayton, O.; Fred. Fillmore, Cincinnati; G. N. Shroeder, Bristow, Ky.; Lura Wetmore, Kent, O.; Fannie Green, Kent, O.; Daisy Green, Kent, O.; Frank Green, Kent, O.; G. P. Coler, Athens, O.

R. M. Bishop, Chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, submitted an additional report, which was concurred in, to wit:

FRIDAY MORNING.

1. Meet at 9 A. M. 2. Additional Enrollment. 3. Report of Committees. 4. Report of Trustees of Hymn-book. 5. Miscellaneous Business. 6. Devotional Exercises. 7. Address by J. Z. Tyler, of Georgia, at 11 o'clock A. M. 8. Adjournment at 12:15.

R. M. BISHOP, M. P. HAYDEN,
T. D. BUTLER, T. W. PINKERTON,
C. C. SMITH, Committee.

And then the Convention adjourned, after a word of prayer by J. H. Garrison, of Missouri.

D. R. DUNGAN, President.

W. H. DRAPIER, Recording Secretary.

THIRD SESSION.

FRIDAY, OCT. 26—9 A. M.

The session was opened with a song service, with selections from David's Psalms, and with prayer by John A. Brooks, of Missouri.

The Secretary's minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved.

H. O. Breeden, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, re-reported a total of 464 members:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT.

Life Directors.—Albert Allen, Columbus, O.; R. M. Bishop, Cincinnati, O.; S. G. Boyd, Covington, Ky.; Mrs. S. A. Bromwell, Cincinnati, O.; A. P. Cobb, Des Moines, Ia.; W. F. Cowden, Lexington, Ky.; W. S. Dickinson, Cincinnati, O.; F. M. Drake, Centerville, Ia.; Russell Errett, Cincinnati, O.; J. F. Fisk, Covington, Ky.; E. J. Gantz, Barnesville, O.; T. D. Garvin, Elyria, O.; C. H. Gould, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. C. H. Gould, Cincinnati, O.; F. M. Green, Kent, O.; N. S. Haynes, Decatur, Ill; H. M. Hickok, Cincinnati, O.; W. H. Lape, Newport, Ky.; Mrs. Martha A. Lape, Newport, Ky.; C. L. Loos, Lexington, Ky.; R. T. Mathews, Cincinnati, O.; R. Moffett, Cleveland, O.; W. D. Moore, Wilmington, O.; Jos. Smith, Jr., Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. Jos. Smith, Jr., Cincinnati, O.; Miss Ella F. Smith, Cincinnati, O.; Thos. Starbuck, New Antioch, O.; Alanson Wilcox, Cleveland, O.

Life Members.—A. M. Atkinson, Wabash, Ind.; Mrs. C. H. Boaz, Cincinnati, O.; H. O. Breeden, Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. Amelia Coop, Southport, England; Mrs. B. W. Couchman, Winchester, Ky.; Miss Annie Cowden, Lexington, Ky.; J. F. Davis, Portsmouth, O.; S. T. Dodd, Uhrichsville, O.; W. S. Donaldson, Lexington, Ky.; Jane Galbreath, Nevil, O., Mrs. C. H. Gould, Cincinnati, O.; Robert Graham, Lexington, Ky.; F. M. Green, Kent, O.; Mrs. F. M. Green, Kent, O.; A. S. Hale, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mrs. A. S. Hale, Grand Rapids, Mich.; D. M. Hawkins, Cincinnati, O.; Mrs. D. M. Hawkins, Cincinnati, O.; B. H. Hayden, Fredonia, N. Y.; R. B. Henry, Flora, Ill.; G. F. Hillman, Harrison, O.; Mrs. R. L. Hobbs, Louisville, Ky.; L. H. Jameson, Indianapolis, Ind.; S. M. Jefferson, Covington, Ky.; Mrs. C.

L. Loos, Lexington, Ky.; Henry Schell Lobingier, Chicago, Ill.; H. Lockwood, Nicholsville, O.; John S. Maddox, Milton, Ky.; Thos. Munnell, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; A. E. Myers, West Liberty, W. Va.; J. Z. Taylor, Springfield, Ill.; J C. Tully, Winchester, Ky; D. R. Van Buskirk, Bloomington, Ill.; Miss Laura Van Buskirk, Bloomington, Ill.; J. C. Walden, Mt. Sterling, Ky.; E. T. Williams, Cincinnati, O.; C. P. Williamson, Richmond, Ky.; B. F. Wilson, Selma, Ala.; Jos. F. Wright, Mt. Healthy, O.

Annual Members.—Geo. K. Berry, Youngstown, O.; John Boake, Carthage, O.; Jas. N. Boyd, Dover, Ky.; Jacob Davis, Waynesville, O.; W. W. Dungan, Washington, D. C.; C. B. Edgar, Rushville, Ind.; W. H. Tiller, Mayslick, Ky.; Robt. Spurgin, Chicago, Ill.; J. M. Trible, Buffalo, N. Y.; J. G. Waggoner, Greencastle, Ind.

STATE DELEGATES.

Colorado.—J. M. Hill, Denver; Mrs. W. Shepherd, Pueblo.

Illinois.—J. W. Allen, Chicago; E. L. Frazier, Mattoon; N. S. Haynes, Decatur; R. B. Henry, Flora; H. S. Lobingier, Chicago; G. B. Peake, Grayville; T. W. Pinkerton, Decatur; J. T. Toof, Quincy; D. R. Van Buskirk, Bloomington; L. W. Welsh, Jacksonville.

Iowa.—F. M. Drake, Centerville; Lewis Harvuot, Panora; F. M. Kirkham, Marshalltown.

Kansas.—M. P. Hayden, Atchison; R. L. Lotz, Emporia; Mrs. Hattie Miller, Emporia.

Kentucky.—J. H. Baker; B. F. Clay, Harrodsburg; B. W. Couchman, Winchester; W. F. Cowden, Lexington; S. W. Crutcher, Danville; W. I. Fowle; A. N. Gilbert, Maysville; A. I. Hobbs, Louisville; J. D. Houston; S. M. Jefferson, Covington; J. S. Kendrick; F. D. Srygley, Louisville; Wm. Stanley; J. E. Taylor; J. C. Tully, Winchester.

Minnesota.—Leander Lane, St. Paul.

Missouri.—Mrs Jno. G. Allen, Sedalia; John Burns, St. Louis; Walter S. Burns, St. Louis; Mrs C. F. Clayton, Hannibal; J. N. Dalby; J. H.Garrison, St. Louis; Mrs. J. H. Garrison, St. Louis; W. E. Hall, St. Louis; Mrs. W. E. Hall, St. Louis; J. H. Hardin, Hannibal; B. W. Johnson, St. Louis; B. U. Watkins, Cameron; Mrs. B. U. Watkins; Mrs. Chas. Yancey, Hannibal.

New York.—B. H. Hayden, Fredonia; J. C. B. Stivers, Waverly.

Ohio.—O. C. Atwater, Randolph; W. P. Aylsworth, Columbus; A. P. Frost, Nelsonville; L. R. Gault, Dayton; G. M. Kemp, Mansfield; T. B. Knowles, Toledo; J. H. Lockwood, Cleveland; J. A. Roberts, Kenton; C. C. Smith, Akron; Alanson Wilcox, Cleveland.

Oregon.—Thos. D. Humphreys, Hillsboro.

Pennsylvania.—T. D. Butler, Johnstown; W. L. Hayden, Washington; C. Jobes, Claysville.

West Virginia.—W. S. Sample, Palatine.

CHURCH DELEGATES.

James Bangs, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. J. M. L. Campbell, Detroit, Mich.; W. S. Campbell, Little Flat Rock and Rushville, Ind.; G. T. Carpenter, Des Moines, Ia.; B. W. Couchman, Winchester, Ky.; Mrs. B. W. Couchman, Winchester, Ky.; Mrs. Mary K. Dale, Topeka, Kas.; J. H. Dodd, New Philadelphia, O.; W. H. Draper, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. E. Glazebrook, Louisville, Ky.; A. B. Griffith, Coalburg, O.; H. B. Goe, Allegheny City, Pa.; Jabez Hall, Cleveland, O.; Anne Haughton, Loogootee, Ind.; Miss Alice Hobbs, Louisville, Ky.; O. B. Hollenway, Akron, O.; Mrs. T. B. Knowles, Toledo, O.; J. M. Mathes, Bedford, Ind.; Mrs. J. M. Mathes, Bedford, Ind.; A. McLean, Mt. Healthy, O.; John S. Merdon, Milton, O.; A. H. Moore, Newcastle, Ind.; S. B. Moore, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lewis A. Pier, Union City, Ind.; Mrs. F. D. Power, Washington, D. C.; John Shackleford, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. G. P. Stacy, Richmond, Va.; J. T. Toof, Quincy, Ill.; W. J. Turney, Flat Rock, Ind.; Mrs. J. Z. Tyler, Augusta, Ga.; Geo. E. Walk, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. L. W. Welsh, Jacksonville, Ill.; J. O. Williamson, Hudson, O.; G. B. Woodworth, Chattanooga, Tenn.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL DELEGATES.

B. F. Moore, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. C. C. Smith, Akron, O.; N. W. Smith, Ringold, Ga.; C. S. Wood, Loogootee, Ind.

NATIONAL AND STATE WORK.

Thomas Munnell, Chairman of the Committee on the Relation of the State to the General Work, submitted a report as follows:

The Committee on the relation of the State to the general work ask leave to report as follows:

In the judgment of your committee, this whole question resolves itself into two parts.

1. That of State contributions to the general treasury.

2. That of a uniform system of making annual reports from each State to the General Board, the footings of which shall go into the general report.

a. Regarding the first of these items, we recommend that as a settled financial policy, we try to induce all the States to give annually such a per cent. of all the funds that may come into their respective treasuries as may be agreed upon by the several State Conventions, to the general treasury.

b. Touching the second of these items—that of a uniform system of reporting—we recommend that we reaffirm and at once begin to carry out the agreement made at the last General Convention, as recorded in the minutes of 1882, page 23, as expressed in the following articles:

1. That each State Convention authorize its Board to engage a State evangelist, and, with his advice, as many district evangelists as may be needed in the State, or as their means will allow, and that their special business shall be to preach the gospel to the world, and to assist the elders in "setting in order the things that are wanting" as to their financial policy, disciplinary interests and the pastoral care of the flock, whenever such assistance may be needed.

2. That said evangelists shall report their labors monthly to their respective Boards, on blanks uniform in all the States, of which reports each Board shall preserve an abstract, from which their respective annual reports shall be made up.

3. That each State secretary shall furnish to the general secretary, hereinafter provided for, an abstract of his annual State report, the footings of which shall appear in the annual report of the general evangelist, and be published in the minutes of the General Convention.

THOMAS MUNNELL, L. R. GAULT,
J. A. BROOKS, L. LANE,
B. H. HAYDEN, Committee.

After remarks by R. Moffett, Thomas Munnell, W. L. Hayden and J. A. Brooks, J. A. Brooks moved to amend the report as follows:

3. That we request the State Conventions to require their secretaries to make such statistical reports to this Convention.

The amendment was adopted, and the report as amended was concurred in.

MISSION FIELDS.

J. H. Garrison, Chairman of the Committee thereon, reported as follows:

Your Committee, charged with the consideration of that part of the report of the Board relating to New Missions, in surveying the numerous and wide-extended fields which are appealing to this Convention for aid, feel afresh the weight of meaning in the Saviour's words: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." From the North and from the South, from the East and from the West, come to our ears, yea, to our *hearts*, the pleading cry, from isolated and struggling bands of disciples, "Come over and help us." Each part of the great field, too, has its special claim upon our sympathy and our practical aid. The East gives us much of literature, and exerts an influence, greatly disproportionate to its geographical extent, over the thought of the whole country. To plant our cause where it will have

this vantage ground of influence, is a consummation greatly to be desired. On the other hand, the great West and Northwest are rapidly filling up with an intelligent and enterprising class of people; new towns and cities are springing up like magic along the lines of the railroads that pierce this great empire, and the vast importance of being on the ground early, at the very *beginnings* of this new civilization, to assist in laying its foundations aright, can not be exaggerated. And the South, with its fertile soil and genial clime, waking to new life and energy from the desolations of war which but recently swept over it, and holding in its midst a vast, untaught colored population, makes an appeal for help from this Society which we can not ignore.

After considering carefully the claims of the various States, Territories and cities which need and ask our aid, your Committee would commend to the favorable consideration of this Convention and of the Board, the following new mission fields, whose comparative necessities and importance, as far as we can understand from the data at our command, we indicate by the order in which they are here enumerated, viz.: Dakota Territory, Chattanooga, Tenn., St. Paul, Minn., Boston, Mass., Mississippi, Lawrence and Wichita, Kan., Washington Territory, Florida and North Carolina.

Nor does your Committee mention these fields merely as *deserving* our aid, thinking by this public mention to discharge the obligation we are under to them, but believing that this Convention should seriously and earnestly undertake to extend help to every one of them during the coming year, by planning, and carrying out, a scheme of finance that will enable us so to do. Respectfully submitted by the Committee,

J. H. GARRISON, A. M. ATKINSON,
N. S. HAYNES, JOHN SHACKLEFORD,
N. W. SMITH, Committee.

Robert Graham, of Kentucky, presented the claims of the State of Arkansas, and especially the region of Ft. Smith and the Indian Reservation. On his motion the report was amended by adding "Arkansas" to the list of new fields. After remarks by R. Moffett, S. T. Dodd, J. H. Garrison and O. C. Atwater, the amendment was adopted.

R. M. Bishop, by order of the Christian Hymnal Trustees, made the following report:

REPORT OF THE HYMN-BOOK COMMITTEE.

TO THE GENERAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION:

Dear Brethren:—In accordance with our custom in the past, we submit a brief report. As the Revised Hymnal, in both the note and word editions, is being still operated under a contract, as previously reported, there is nothing that requires to be said concerning it, except that the demand for it continues steady from year to year, a sufficient proof of the solid and enduring merit of the book. At the General Convention, held in Louisville, Ky., in October, 1880, a Committee consisting of J. H. Garrison, W. K. Pendleton, J. W. McGarvey, Isaac Errett and L. H. Jameson, appointed to consider the advisability of revising the Christian Hymnal, added the following recommendation, which was unanimously adopted: "It is furthermore the judgment of your Committee that the preparation and publication, under the supervision of the Hymn-Book Committee, of a Sunday-school book, with a view of adjusting the singing in our Sunday-schools as far as possible with that in the church, and to prevent the frequent changes in music books which is a source of great expense to our schools, would meet with a ready sale and serve a most desirable end, and we recommend the publication of such a book by said Committee."

In accordance with the recommendation of this Convention, the Trustees arranged, early in the year, for the preparation of such a hymnal for our Sunday-schools, by appointing a Committee consisting of J. H. Garrison, J.

H. Hardin and Dr. Geo. D. Sitherwood, to select suitable songs for such a book, and by entering into an arrangement with the Christian Publishing Co., of St. Louis, Mo., for bringing out this book in proper form, taking care to secure two points: 1. That the book should be published at a low rate, so that it would be within the reach of all our schools. 2. That its sale should secure a revenue to the General Christian Missionary Convention, whose property the book is, and will continue be. We are glad to be able to report that the Sunday-school Hymnal has now been brought out in both note and word editions, and is for sale in this city and at St. Louis. We cordially commend the book to the Sunday-schools in all our churches, and sincerely trust that the book which has been prepared at so great pains and expense may serve the ends had in view by the Convention in recommending such a work, and greatly improve the service of song in all our schools. All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of the Board of Trustees,
R. M. BISHOP, Chairman.

On motion, the report was approved and ordered printed in the minutes.

A song was sung—J. H. Hardin, of Missouri, leading.

EXTENSION FUND.

D. R. Van Buskirk, Chairman, made a report as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the question of a church extension fund have considered the same, and beg leave to report.

1. We are impressed with a conviction of the pressing need of such a fund as an aid to weak and struggling churches striving in the face of discouragements to erect houses of worship. In many cases a little timely aid would enable such churches not only to become self-sustaining, but in time become helpful to others.

2. We recommend that such fund be used only for the purpose of assisting in building houses of worship, and only as loans to churches needing such aid, at a reasonable rate of interest, and only in such amounts as may be amply secured by the church property.

3. That this fund be designated the Church Extension Fund, and that donations and bequests be solicited for the creation of this fund.

4. That a committee of five members be elected, two of them for five years and three for three years, who shall have in charge the loans from said fund, the securing and collection thereof.

The members of this committee shall be selected with a view to their business qualifications as well as their Christian character. The action of this committee, with any rules they may adopt for the conduct of their business shall be subject to the revision of this Convention.

A. I. HOBBS, F. M. DRAKE,
T. COOP, D. R. VAN BUSKIRK,
Committee.

After remarks by R. L. Lotz, of Kansas, J. H. Hardin, of Missiouri' Robert Graham, of Kentucky, and R. Moffett, the report was concurred in.

On motion by R. Moffett, the Committee on Church Extension Fund was reappointed and authorized to nominate the committee provided for in its report.

INCREASE OF FUNDS.

George Darsie, of Kentucky, Chairman of the Committee, presented the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Increase of Funds reports

First—That a forward movement all along the line, for the enlargement of our funds, is eminently desirable, thoroughly practicable and absolutely imperative.

Second—That to this end every possible means be used to *enlighten* our preachers and churches throughout the land concerning the work being now done by this society, at the same time urging the pressing and immediate need of its great enlargement. We especially urge the extensive circulation of short, pointed, printed statements by the Board for the purpose of keeping our brotherhood constantly informed on the subject.

Third—That we applaud the action of Missouri and Ohio in dividing to the general treasury twenty-five per cent. of all their funds, and hope it may soon be seized upon by all the other States as a worthy example for them to follow.

Fourth—That the recommendation of our Corresponding Secretary that we set before us a specific sum to be raised the ensuing year, is, in our judgment, a wise and judicious method by which to increase our funds, and that this sum be fixed at $10,000, the same to be apportioned among the various States according to a schedule arranged by the knowledge and experience of the Board.

Fifth—That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to make a personal canvass a portion of the year in those States where the work of our society as yet has not commanded the attention and enlisted the coöperation of our churches to the degree that it should.

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE DARSIE, R. T. MATHEWS, W. P. AYLSWORTH, J. T. TOOF, W. L. HAYDEN, Committee.

A. Wilcox led in the singing of a song, and D. R. Van Buskirk led in prayer.

J. Z. Tyler, of Augusta, Georgia, delivered an address on "The Future of Christianity."

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

W. K. Pendleton, of West Virginia, Chairman of the Committee on proposed changes in the Constitution, submitted the following report:

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the General Board relating to changes in the constitution, respectfully report:

1. That they do not think it advisable to make now the amendment proposed by the Board as to the method of choosing the members of the Acting Board, but we recommend that this proposed amendment be referred back to said Board to be properly formulated and presented, if they shall judge it best, to this Convention at its next annual meeting.

2. The other amendments proposed, your committee recommends to your favorable consideration, and in order to incorporate them in the constitution propose the following amendments should be adopted:

1. Change "Acting Board" to "Executive Committee" wherever found in the constitution.

2. Add to Art. IV, "The Corresponding Secretary shall be the executive officer of the General Convention, of the General Board and of the Executive Committee."

3. Constitute ten of the General Board a quorum, and provide for their meeting "at least once annually, and at such other times as the Acting Board may deem necessary."

4. Add to Art. IX, "But in case of necessity the Executive Committee shall have power to change both the time and place of such meetings."

Respectfully submitted, W. K. PENDLETON, A. G. THOMAS, F. M. GREEN, J. B. BRINEY, A. M. ATKINSON, Committee.

J. Z. Tyler moved to refer this report to the Board of Managers for its recommendation, with instructions to report as soon as possible.

The motion was agreed to.

R. M. Bishop, Chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, presented the following additional report, which was concurred in:

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

1. Meet at 2 o'clock. 2. Unfinished business, being reception of reports, etc. 3. Miscellaneous business. 4. Short speeches. 5. Adjournment at 4:15.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 P. M. devotional exercises, led by Alanson Wilcox, of Cleveland, Ohio. 8 o'clock, address by R. C. Cave, Richmond, Virginia. Adjournment.

The convention took a recess till 1 o'clock. Benediction by John A. Brooks.

D. R. DUNGAN, President.

W. H. DRAPIER, Recording Secretary.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

This session was opened with singing, "Stand up for Jesus," led by A. Wilcox, and with prayer by W. K. Pendleton.

The Secretary's minutes of this morning's session were read and approved.

CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION.

R. Moffett, from the Acting Board of Managers, submitted the following:

Your Board to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Constitutional Changes, beg leave to report, recommending the following changes:

1. Add to Art. IV., "and of the Acting Board."
2. In Art. VI, at close of first sentence, add "ten of whom shall constitute a quorum." Also, before annually, add "at least annually."
3. To Art. IX, add "But in case of necessity the Acting Board shall have power to change both the time and place of such meetings."

We further recommend that the other changes named be laid over for another year.

R. MOFFETT, Cor. Sec'y.

The amendments to the Committee's report proposed by the Board were concurred in.

The report of the Committee on proposed changes in the Constitution, as just amended, was concurred in.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

J. F. Fisk, Chairman of the Committee, presented a report as follows, which was concurred in:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of caring for superannuated preachers, beg leave to report:

1. That we deem it all-important that a fund be created at the earliest moment possible, sufficient to meet the wants of preachers, who, through the disabilities of age, are unfitted for self-sustaining service.

2. That we recommend the appointment of a committee to report at the next annual meeting of this Convention, the details of a plan to effect the end in view.

3. That the Board of Managers be instructed to call the attention of the brotherhood to this matter, and to solicit collections and bequests to be devoted exclusively to the formation of the proposed fund.

4. That until further orders, the custody and investment of funds so derived shall be under the control of the Board of Managers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. FISK, A. I. HOBBS,
R. C. CAVE, L. H. JAMESON,
L. HARVUOT, Committee.

YEAR BOOK.

J. H. Garrison, from the Committee thereon, reported as follows:

The Special Committee appointed to consider and report upon the memorials presented to this Convention from the States of Illinois and Missouri, concerning a Year-book, beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

1. That in the judgment of your Committee, the time has come in the history of our religious movement when we ought to have fuller and more accurate statistics in all departments of Christian activity represented among our people, including churches, ministers, Sunday-schools and S. S. teachers, missions and missionaries, colleges and academies, religious periodicals, Tract Fund, Church Extension Fund, etc. All this information printed in cheap form would be a most useful tract for circulation among our own people, and others desiring accurate information concerning us. We, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed by this Convention to gather such facts and statistics, and to publish the same as early as practicable, *provided* that such publication shall be so managed as not to involve any expense to this Convention. It is furthermore recommended that the Committee thus appointed be afforded all possible facilities in the prosecution of their work by the members of this Convention. J. H. GARRISON.

A. I. Hobbs, moved to amend as follows:

Provided, that no advertisements of the publishers shall appear in the book.

This amendment gave rise to remarks by A. I. Hobbs and C. L. Loos, of Kentucky, R. M. Bishop, Robert Moffett and Russell Errett, of Ohio, J. H. Garrison and J. H. Hardin, of Missouri.

The amendment was rejected on a division.

The report of the Committee was concurred in.

OFFICERS FOR NEXT YEAR.

W. F. Cowden, Chairman of the Committee thereon, made report as follows:

Your committee to nominate officers for the Convention for the ensuing year, respectfully submit the following report:

For President.—A. G. Thomas, Atlanta, Ga.

Vice Presidents.—J. H. Garrison, St. Louis, Mo.; R. C. Cave, Richmond, Va.; H. O. Breeden, Terre Haute, Ind.

Corresponding Secretary.—Robt. Moffett, Cleveland, O.

Recording Secretaries.—W. H. Drapier, Indianapolis, Ind.; F. D. Power, Washington, D. C.; N. S. Haynes, Decatur, Illinois.

Treasurer.—Jos. Smith, Jr., Cincinnati.

Auditor.—W. S Dickinson, Cincinnati.

Acting Board of Managers.—R. M. Bishop, J. F. Fisk, S. M. Jefferson, E. T. Williams, J. R. Gaff, B. W. Wasson, R. T. Mathews, Jos. F. Wright, H. McDiarmid.

In view of the magnitude and importance of the work of the corresponding secretary, your Committee unanimously and urgently recommend that the Convention secure the undivided services of Robt. Moffett for his entire time to that work.

WM. F. COWDEN, A. S. HALE,
A. P. COBB, A. E. MYERS,
S. M. JEFFERSON, Committee.

The report was adopted.

THE WASHINGTON CHURCH.

T. D. Garvin, Chairman of the Committee on the Washington Church Fund, submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

Your Committee on Washington Church Fund ask leave to report that we have carefully examined the report of the Building Committee of the Memorial Church at Washington, and find as follows: 1. There is a fine property at Washington nearly completed, which, when finished, will cost $60,193. Of this amount there is paid $48,549, leaving a balance due of $11,544. There are available pledges that will reduce that debt to $4,200, which amount should be raised promptly. 2. Your Committee recommend that the Board take active measures to collect outstanding pledges and secure the amount needed to complete the work. We also restate part of last year's report: "3. That a week or two before the time set for the dedication of the church building, the churches and Sunday-schools be requested to make an offering for this mission."

Let this grand work be carried promptly to completion, for the credit of our brotherhood. Respectfully submitted by your Committee.

T. D. GARVIN, GEO. E. WALK,
W. W. DUNGAN, of D. C., J. Z. TYLER,
JOSEPH SMITH, JR., Committee.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

A. I. Hobbs, on behalf the Committee on Church Extension Fund, reported the following as the Committee of five authorized by its first report:

C. H. Gould, of Cincinnati, for 3 years; S. G. Boyd, of Covington, for 3 years; Henry Ranshaw, of Covington, for 5 years; Paris C. Brown, of Newport, for 3 years; A. S. Ludlow, of Cincinnati, for 5 years.

This supplemental report was concurred in.

Robert Moffett moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Committee made this forenoon was adopted.

After remarks by W. S. Dickinson, R. Moffett, W. K. Pendleton, J. F. Fisk, A. I. Hobbs, R. T. Mathews, J. H. Hardin, Timothy Coop and F. M. Drake, the motion to reconsider was agreed to.

J. F. Fisk moved to amend by inserting after the word "thereof," in section 4, the following:

They shall report from time to time to the Acting Board of Managers, and shall pay over all money collected, and place all securities in the hands of the Treasurer of this Convention, and the Acting Board shall pay out money upon the recommendation of said Committee.

The amendment was adopted. The report as amended was concurred in.

Subscriptions to this fund were then offered, as follows:

Joseph Smith, Jr., of Cincinnati, O., $1,000; W. S. Dickinson, of Cincinnati, O., $500; Timothy Coop, of England, $1,000; F. M. Drake, of Des Moines, Iowa, $1,000,

PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

F. D. Power, Chairman of the Committee on Place of Next Meeting, reported as follows:

The Committee, after careful consideration of the claims of different places which invite the sessions of the G. C. M. C., have decided in favor of the First Christian Church (17th and Olive), St. Louis, as the next place of meeting for this body.

F. D. POWER, A. N. GILBERT,
F. M. KIRKHAM, O. G. HERTZOG,
H. B. GOE, Committee.

The report was concurred in.

IN MEMORIAM.

B. U. Watkins, from the Committee thereon, submitted the following:

Your Committee on Obituaries would respectfully mention the names of those noble workers who have fallen at their post since our last annual meeting, and in doing so, we can not do better than quote the words of our Corresponding Secretary:

"Thousands of households have been called to mourn the loss of beloved ones whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The most of these were known and loved by the few. It becomes us to name only those whose reputation had reached the wide and national circle. Among these we name one whom you honored last year with a place on the Board of Managers. W. M. M. Lee, of Covington, Ky., passed to his rest a few days after the adjournment of our last convention. He was an earnest Christian and a faithful missionary worker. During the year we have been called to mourn the death of Mrs. Mary T. Bishop, widely known and universally beloved for her inestimable character and ever abounding labors of love. Also, H. S. Bosworth, whose name is a household word wherever our literature is read. Ever faithful and true, he died as he lived, in the Christian's hope. J. H. Hamilton, of Arkansas, widely known as a faithful minister of the word of life, and J. M. Henry, of Missouri, whose services in the ministry cover nearly half a century, beautiful in his life and hopeful in his death; these, also, have passed through the dark valley to the light of a glorious day."

In addition to those whom our worthy brother has so honorably mentioned, we would call up the name of W. P. Stratton, so well known and highly esteemed in this city. His name will be loved at home and honored abroad.

Also, Sister Garvin and Sister Drake, both earnest workers in the good cause.

Also, Bro. John W. Porter, a brother dearly beloved in the Lord.

Also, Sister Hattie E. Dodd and Sister E. M. Lotz, both of Kansas—both ardent workers for the cause of Christ, lovely and sweet in life, and fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; so much needed on earth by their families and the Church, but ripe for the higher honors of a better life.

They're gone; and with them is a crowd,
For God and man who thought and did;
We rear to them no temples proud—
Our love is now their pyramid.

So shall their mem'ries sweet, though sad,
With kindred living souls be blent,
And mightiest kings would e'en be glad
To meet so grand a monument.

ROBERT GRAHAM, J. H. LOCWOOD,
B. U. WATKINS, J. H. HARDIN,
R. L. LOTZ, Committee.

The report was concurred in by singing "Only a few more years," and an appropriate prayer by President Dungan, the audience standing.

On motion of F. M. Green, the report of the Board of Managers, as a whole, was concurred in.

C. L. Loos spoke in behalf of the German Mission, followed by T. Coop, who gave $1,000 to the Society of Ladies who have in charge this German Mission.

A. I. Hobbs referred to the action of the Convention, looking to the creation of a fund for the benefit of superannuated preachers, and urged that assistance be rendered James M. Mathes, of Bedford, Indiana.

The President made the Committee authorized by the report of the Committee on Superannuated Ministers to consist of A. I. Hobbs, T. D. Garvin, J. Z. Taylor, J. H. Hardin and Joseph Smith, Jr.

THANKS.

J. A. Brooks offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be extended to the churches of Cincinnati, Covington and Newport for their magnificent entertainment of this convention. Also to the various railroads, hotels and newspapers for courtesies extended; to the President, Secretary and Board of Managers for the faithful discharge of duty during the year now past.

J. H. Hardin led in singing "God be with you till we meet again."

The Convention then took a recess till 7:30 o'clock, after prayers pronounced by C. L. Loos.

FIFTH SESSION.

7:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Half an hour was occupied in devotional exercises, led by Alanson Wilcox.

Second Vice-President, John S. Shouse, of Kentucky, in the chair, introduced R. C. Cave, of Virginia, who made the closing address of the Convention, on "The Law of Christ and its Fulfillment in our Lives."

Vice-President Shouse, appointed the following as a Committee to gather statistics for the year-book: R. Moffett, of Ohio; Thomas Munnell, of Kentucky; J. H. Hardin, of Missouri; L. L. Carpenter, of Indiana; and N. S. Haynes, of Illinois.

THE GERMAN MISSION.

J. H. Hardin, of Missouri, in behalf of the Ladies' German Mission, tendered thanks to Timothy Coop, of England, for his donation of $1,000, and called for other subscriptions to help on this work.

Chas. Loris Loos followed with similar remarks. Wen he had concluded responses were made as the amount of about $800.00.

THE TRACT FUND.

R. T. Mathews, of Ohio, and S. M. Jefferson, of Kentucky, called for subscriptions to the Tract Fund, which were tendered as follows:

G. B. Woodworth	$5 00	Mrs. H. McDiarmid	5 00
Joseph Smith, Jr.	5 00	Mrs. C. Sinclair	5 00
Miss Ella Smith	5 00	Russell Errett	5 00
W. O. Foley	5 00	F. G. Srygley	5 00
J. H. Fillmore	5 00	Geo. W. Campbell	5 00
J. H. Smith	5 00	Central S. S., Cincinnati	5 00
E. V. Scofield	5 00	Richmond St. S. S., Cincinnati	5 00
Challen Fillmore	5 00	M. A. Dalton	5 00
Mrs. C. H. Gould	25 00	Bible Class, Broadway S.S., Lexington, Ky.	5 00
A. McLean	5 00	S. J. Tomlinson	5 00
S. G. Boyd	5 00	C. Wiles	5 00
R. Moffett	5 00	C. P. Calvert	5 00
Mt. Healthy S. S.	5 00	H. M. Hickok	5 00
V. O. Pinckard	5 00	E. T. Williams	5 00
J. T. Toof	5 00	John Thorndyke	5 00
F. M. Green	5 00	J. H. Garvin	5 00
E. W. Lape	5 00	C. W. Hafley	2 00
R. P. Meeks	5 00	J. S Shouse	5 00
Sunbeam Class, Richmond St. S. S., Cincinnati	5 00		

EDUCATION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

Mrs. Randall Faurot, of the Southern Christian Institute, at Edward's Depot P. O., Miss., urged assistance to that enterprise. Responses came, to the amount of about $200.00.

Vice-President Shouse said, "as the Convention was fortunate in having for Secretary a very skillful reporter, without detaining it with reading the dry details of the minutes, he can safely be trusted to prepare them for publication."

R. M. Bishop moved that the record show they are approved. It was so ordered.

J. H. Hardin led in singing, "There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins," and a benediction pronounced by H. S. Earl closed the sessions of the General Christian Missionary Convention for 1883.

J. S. SHOUSE, Second Vice-President.

W. H. DRAPIER, Recording Secretary.

RECEIPTS FOR FISCAL YEAR CLOSING OCT. 15, 1883.

Colorado.

Gunnison	$ 8 00
Loveland S. S.	2 00

Iowa.

L. C. Hall, Harper	2 50
G. T. Carpenter, Des Moines	1 00
Union Mills	2 38
Creston	10 72
West Liberty	6 05
Red Oak	7 43
E. L. Poston, Odin	1 00
Cedar Rapids	20 00
J. H. Shaver, Cedar Rapids	50 00
Marion	11 87
Marshalltown	10 00
H. H. Wilson, Liscomb	5 00
Liscomb	10 00
Liscomb, F. C. M. S.	5 30
Des Moines	40 33
H. A. Coffin, Des Moines	50 00
Mrs. Cath. Coffin, Des Moines.	50 00
Mrs. Frances M. Owen, "	10 00
J. E. Gaston, Des Moines	5 00
W. P. Macy, Des Moines	5 00
W. E. Coffin, Des Moines	5 00
C. E. Fuller, Des Moines	5 00
G. T. C. Ford, Des Moines	5 00
Mrs. O. F. Givens, Des Moines	5 00
Iowa City	14 03
Wm. Fry, Iowa City	5 00
T. W. Van Patton, Iowa City	5 00
I. H. Thornberry, Iowa City	5 00
Mrs. Mary Porter, Iowa City	5 00
Miss O. T. Plum, Iowa City	5 00
Davenport, F. C. M. S.	9 10
Davenport	9 25
Chas. Leslie, Davenport	7 50
C. C. Leslie, Davenport	7 50
Frank C. Porter, Davenport	5 00
D. A. Anderson, Davenport	5 00
De Soto	12 10
H. G. Van Meter, De Soto	10 00
W. E. Garrett, De Soto	5 00
Shenandoah	2 05
Albia	13 00
Walnut City	10 60
Oskaloosa	10 05
Keosauqua	10 85
Bloomfield	10 15
J. B. Vawter, Altoona	20 00
C. A. Kinnes, Woodbine	1 00
Bevin's Grove	5 25
Bangor	5 00
Centerville	16 19
F. M. Drake, Centerville	40 00
Samuel Gidney, Centerville	5 00
Mrs. H. J. Drake, Centerville	5 00
J. Goss, Centerville	5 00
H. U. Dale, Centerville	5 00
Mrs. T. P. Shroutz, Centerville	5 00
W. A. Crusinbury	10 00
Mrs. N. A. McConnell, Marshalltown	5 00
W. D. Swaim, Fairfield	5 00
A. P. Cobb, Des Moines	10 00
G. W. McBroom, Des Moines	1 00

Illinois.

Ill. Ch. Miss. Con	25 00
Mattoon	1 00
Robt. Spurgin, LaGrange	5 00
David Husband, Cobden	4 00
Dr. Green Hill	5 00
N. S. Haynes, Decatur	21 00
G. W. Camp, Riggston	22 00
W. G. Anderson, Colfax	10 00
Rock Island	3 25
Mrs. John Holt, Rock Island	5 00
W. F. Gilmore, Rock Island	5 00
P. L. Mitchell, Rock Island	5 00
W. S. Priest, Ludlow	1 00
D. D. Hicks	1 00
Old Union	4 50
E. J. Dickinson, S. C. I., Eureka	10 00
Quincy	20 00

Indiana.

Rush County Co-operation	10 00
Clarksburg	4 90
Howard Cale, Indianapolis	1 00
R. L. Howe, Charleston	1 00
B. W. Cole, Indianapolis	2 50
Lewis A. Pier, Union City	1 00
Butler	3 57
Coburn's Corners	7 33
Chas. Bassett, Waterloo	1 00
Angola	10 12
Kendallville	24 97
Metz	25 84
Ligonier	6 07
Rolling Prairie	9 41
LaPorte	8 00
South Bend	6 87
H. M. Taggart, South Bend	21 24
Hebron	6 85
Mrs. J. Kithcart, Hebron	5 00
Laban Funk, Boone Grove	5 00
Boone Grove	3 20
Winamac	12 11
Logansport	8 80
Delphi	7 08
Warsaw	18 48
Ft. Wayne	5 75
Decatur	6 50
Winchester	3 75
J. P. Watts, Winchester	5 00
Anderson	3 60
Crawfordsville	8 90
H. H. Graham, Crawfordsville	10 00
J. B. Sidener and wife, Crawfordsville	6 00
Ella Horner, Crawfordsville	1 00

Ladoga	4 00
Greencastle	10 25
J. G. Waggoner, Greencastle	5 00
Mrs. Williams, Greencastle	5 00
Martinsville	8 12
Noblesville	7 25
Union City	12 11
Little Flat Rock	20 00
Ben Davis Creek	10 50
H. R. Pritchard, Indianapolis.	25 00
Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, Lizton	5 00
Geo. M. Leak, Lizton	5 00
Brownsburg	3 49
Mt. Auburn	2 10
Franklin	85
Danville	1 05
Greenwood	1 55
Greenwood S. S	2 16
New Carlisle	8 40
Etna Green	2 72
Mishawaka	7 30
Bourbon	3 35
Sycamore	40
O. L. Young, Butler	5 00
Mrs. Anderson, Greencastle	1 00
Mrs. R. C. Lollis, Catlin	5 00
Elkhart	2 70
Kewanna	5 18
Rochester	8 08
Harris Prairie	21 32
Hatch's Mills	2 85
Lakeville	2 30
Vistula	2 25
Palestine	1 00
Moore's S.H	2 09
E. M. Idle, Piercetown	5 00
Geo. S. Myers, Rocklane	5 00

Kansas.

Hamlin	1 60
A. J. Thomson, Manhattan	2 00
S. T. Dodd, Topeka	10 00
Kansas Miss. Con	26 60

Kentucky.

Republican	6 15
Mt. Zion,	2 23
Pleasant Ridge	4 67
J. F. Fisk, Covington	1 00
J. W. Boyd, Dover	1 00
Thos. Munnell, Mt. Sterling	1 00
Richard R. Rogers, Mt. Sterling	15 00
R. M. Davis, Lexington	10 00
Bruce Trimble, Mt. Sterling	10 00
C. P. Williamson, F. C. M. S	20 00
R. F. Thomas, Lenoxburg	5 00
C. Lockhurst, Lexington	10 00
Frankfort	37 45
Glasgow	5 65
Winchester	20 00
George Darsie, Frankfort	1 00
Jesse Russell, Lexington	10 00
S. E. Pearre, Lexington	10 00
Henry H. White, Lexington	10 00
G. A. Delong, Lexington	10 00
W. F. Cowden, Lexington	20 00
C. P. Williamson, Richmond	10 00
Ky. Chris. Miss. Con	64 22
5th St., Covington	20 00

Missouri.

St. Louis Central Church	10 00
Fred. Krouse, Platte City	10 00
Dr. King, Sedalia	3 00
F. W. Allen, Fulton	20 00
J. H. Duncan, Sedalia	10 00
G. L. Denham, Centralia	3 00
J. H. Garrison, St. Louis	5 00

Minnesota.

Rebecca Holt, Minneapolis	10 00
Alice S. Holt, Minneapolis	10 00
Sophie S. Holt, Minneapolis	10 00
Lucy Holt, Minneapolis	10 00
Agnes L. Holt, Minneapolis	10 00
Lilian Holt, Minneapolis	10 00
John C. Hay, Minneapolis	5 00

Michigan.

Ladies' Society, Grand Rapids.	10 00
A. S. Hale, Grand Rapids	3 00
Michigan State Convention	25 00
Forest Hill Y. M	10 00
Washington Ave. S. S., Detroit	20 00
W. B. Thomson, Detroit	10 00

Maryland.

Alex. Newcomer, Beaver Creek	10 00

New York.

Auburn	5 50
H. W. Austin, Warsaw	3 00
New York Miss. Society	10 00
Suspension Bridge	5 00
Mrs. Rebecca Taylor	1 00

Nebraska.

Nebraska Miss. Convention	20 00

Ohio.

Albert Allen, Akron	20 00
J. J. Moss, Akron	1 00
Jelloway	5 00
Mt. Vernon	10 00
Millwood	2 00
Louis Critchfield, Millwood	5 00
Bro. Hammond, Millwood	1 00
Matt. Welsh, Millwood	50
Stowe	3 37
Newburg	3 25
Candace Lhamon, Oxford.	10 00
Euclid Ave. Ch., Cleveland	13 25
C. W. Henry, Stowe	100 00
Russell Errett, Cincinnati	40 00
Isaac Errett, Cincinnati.	20 00
Shreve, F. C. M. S	10 43
T. M. Johnson, Quaker City	1 00
Hopedale	12 58

J. F. Woodrow, Byesville	1 00
J. F. Davis, Portsmouth	10 00
A. C. Fenner, Dayton	1 00
Mogadore, S. S	1 29
R. Moffett, Cleveland	10 00
Mt. Healthy	10 00
J. H. Lockwood, Nicholsville	1 00
Shreve	2 21
Millersburg	2 75
Nashville	3 00
Napoleon	73
Ripley (Holmes county)	5 50
Killbuck	3 75
Monroe	2 93
Holmesville	1 65
Unknown	55
North Bloomfield	8 50
Mrs. S. A. Bromwell, Cin	10 00
Solon, F. C. M. S	2 00
V. O. Pinckard, Cincinnati	5 00
Mrs. O. C. Viers, Akron	2 50
New Antioch	20 10
Wilmington	5 77
A. C. Dibol, Washington	10 00
Portage, Y. M. F. C. M. S	25 32
Portage, Y. M. G. C. M. C	25 32
Lick Creek	2 30
Bryan	1 03
Lee Butler, Killbuck	5 00
Grove Meeting, Holmes co	21 12
B. White, Belmont	1 50
Bellaire S. S	11 00
Randolph S. S	11 00
E. T. Williams, Cincinnati	10 00
Richmond street, Cincinnati	20 00
Mr J. B. Peasley, Cincinnati	10 00
Joseph Smith, Jr	20 00
Mrs. Joseph Smith, Jr	20 00
Ella F. Smith	20 00
H. M. Hickok	20 00
Gilbert Ellis, Portsmouth	5 00
Mrs. D. M. Hawkins	10 00
D. M. Hawkins, Cincinnati	10 00
Mrs. C. Snodgrass, Mt. Healthy	10 00
Mary Boggs, Elmore	92 50
Bellaire	3 30
Quaker City	1 70
F. M. Green, Kent	5 00
Mrs. F. M. Green	10 00
Mrs. E. Parmely, Dayton	10 00
Asa Shuler, Hamilton	25 00
M. D. Adams, Steubenville	10 00
Ohio C. Miss. Society	314 21
Akron	5 00

Pennsylvania.

Allegheny City	27 00
H. B. Goe, Pittsburg	75 00
Plymouth	14 45
J. W. McCullow, North Jackson	1 00
O. F. Lyon, Lone Pine	10 00
T. F. Shroutz, Ten-Mile	10 00

Texas.

J. E. Barre, Aurora	75
Taylor	10 00

Tennessee.

Chattanooga	20 00

Vermont.

West Pawlet	5 61

Wisconsin.

G. L. Brokaw, F. C. M. S	20 00
Wis. Miss. Convention	16 07

West Virginia.

W. B. Thomson, Wheeling	1 00
Bethany	10 50
West Liberty	2 08
Dutch Fork	6 07
Dutch Fork, F. C. M. S	10 00

Virginia.

Van Buren Furnace	2 10
Robert M. Kent	5 00
L. C. Rhodes, Dale Enterprise	3 00
J. W. Rhodes, Dayton	4 00
Ladies' Society, Norfolk	10 00

Miscellaneous.

J. H. McCollough, Walnut Grove, Cal., F. C. M. S	20 00
M. Krebs, Boise City, Idaho	5 00
A. Friend, England	500 00
W. H. Rogers, Swampscott, Mass	1 00
Washington S. S., D. C	10 00
Jamaica Christian Ass'n	10 00

Supplemental Funds.

Topeka	444 85
Atchison	457 88
Churches in Nebraska	362 20
Collection by Preston Taylor	131 45
Churches in Wisconsin;	241 65
Churches in Colorado	59 00
Churches in Alabama	85 50

Washington House Funds.

Collected by the Treasurer	3,571 31
Collected by Washington brethren	7,651 57

N. B.—Money coming to the Treasury after October 15, to the close of Convention will appear in the minutes of next year.

NOTE.—The receipts of the various societies for the year were as follows State Societies, $48,000.00; G. C. M. C., $16,000.00; C. W. B. M., $10,364.55 F. C. M. S., 25,504.85. Total, $99,369.40.